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Scott Alfonse, Director
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City of New Bedford – City Hall
133 William Street
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RE: **NEW BEDFORD**
Release Tracking Number: 4-15685
Parker Street Waste Site
**SPECIAL PROJECT DESIGNATION
PERMIT ANNUAL STATUS REPORT
WORK SCHEDULE APPROVAL /
INTERIM DEADLINES**

Dear Mr. Alfonse:

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup (MassDEP), has reviewed the document titled, "Special Project Status Annual Report (July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010) Parker Street Waste Site New Bedford, Massachusetts" (the Status Report) dated September 10, 2010. The Status Report was prepared on behalf of the City of New Bedford (the City) by TRC Environmental Corporation and was submitted to MassDEP as required by 310 CMR 40.0000, the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (the MCP).

As described in the Status Report, the Parker Street Waste Site (the Site) includes the New Bedford High School Campus, the Walsh Field athletic complex, the former Keith Junior High School/new Andre McCoy Field, the Keith Middle School and associated wetlands, six City-owned residential properties on Greenwood and Ruggles Streets, additional private properties along Greenwood, Ruggles and Durfee Streets, a church and a commercial property on Hathaway Boulevard, the City-owned vacant lots along Ruggles Street and Hathaway Boulevard known as the Nemasket Street lots, and City-owned parcels including the Department of Public Infrastructure facilities and City Yard area on Liberty Street, the New Bedford School Department maintenance facility, as well of right-of-ways such as Hathaway Boulevard, Parker Street, Liberty Street and Hunter Street.

The Status Report details the response actions that have been conducted by the City related to the Site for the time period covering July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. Also contained within the Status Report is a proposed schedule of response actions currently underway or to be conducted by the City at various areas of the Site during the next twelve months. The work schedule provided in the Status Report is summarized in the table that follows:

This information is available in alternate format. Call Donald M. Gomes, ADA Coordinator at 617-556-1057, TDD# 866-539-7622 or 617-574-6868.

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| Site Area / Location | MCP Response Action Submittal | Submittal Date |
|-----------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| ➤ New Bedford High School | Release Abatement Measure (RAM) Plan for Soil Removal at sample location HF-31 | October 22, 2010 |
| | Final Phase II Report | January 14, 2011 |
| | Modified Immediate Response Action (IRA) Plan for volatile organic compounds (VOC) | January 21, 2011 |
| | Phase III Evaluation & Phase IV or RAM Plan for Campus Soil | February 11, 2011 |
| ➤ Walsh Field | Response Action Outcome (RAO) with Notice of Activity & Use Limitation (AUL) | March 25, 2011 |
| ➤ Acquired Residential Properties | Phase II Report | May 20, 2011 |
| | Phase III Report | August 31, 2011 |
| ➤ Nemasket Street Lots | Phase II Report | August 31, 2011 |
| ➤ New McCoy Field | Response Action Outcome (RAO) with Notice of Activity & Use Limitation (AUL) | March 25, 2011 |
| ➤ Keith Middle School Wetland | Ecological Risk Assessment | November 5, 2010 |
| | Phase II Report | August 31, 2011 |

MassDEP hereby approves the schedule for response actions to be conducted by the City as proposed in the Status report and as modified above. Pursuant to its authority under 310 CMR 40.0167(3)(a), MassDEP hereby establishes these deadlines as enforceable Interim Deadlines. MassDEP's decision to establish one or more Interim Deadlines in accordance with 310 CMR 40.0167 is not subject to M.G.L. c.30A or any other law governing adjudicatory proceedings.

Please note that this Site shall not be deemed to have had all of the necessary and required response actions taken unless and until all substantial hazards have been eliminated and a level of No Significant Risk exists or has been achieved in compliance with M.G.L. c.21E and the MCP. In order to achieve this, the nature and extent of the contamination from the Site must be fully delineated to support the characterization of risk of harm to human health, safety, public welfare and the environment posed by the

Site. This Site delineation and risk characterization must include all components of the Site, including, but not limited to, all areas of the Site where contamination has come to be located including any areas at the eastern boundary of the Site along Parker Street and/or Liberty Street that have not yet been assessed by the City.

Pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0064(2)(i), the MCP requires annual status reports to be submitted for each year that a Site remains under the Special Project Status Permit Designation. Accordingly, the City is required to submit an annual status report summarizing response actions taken at the Site from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. MassDEP hereby requests that this status report be submitted to MassDEP by August 19, 2011. Finally, please be aware that the Special Project Designation Permit expires for the Site on February 25, 2012.

Please contact Molly Cote at the letterhead address or by calling (508) 946-2792, should you have any questions regarding the information provided herein. All future communication regarding this matter must reference Release Tracking Number: **4-15685**.

Sincerely,



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State & Federal Site Management Section
Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup

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